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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Notice of Proposed Action
by the
State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Nick Claims Project**, a facility utilizing physical separation methods to extract gold, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of **Permit NEV95104** is:

Marlon H. Thompson Nick Claims Project P.O. Box 1616 Winnemucca, Nevada 89446

The facility, known as the Nick Claims Project, is located along Natchez Canyon in the East Range, within portions of Sections 19 and 30, Township 33 North, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 11 miles east of Mill City, Pershing County, Nevada.

The project consists of a physical separation facility utilizing a shaker and sluice box arrangement to extract gold from ore excavated on site. Chemicals are not approved for use in the process and make-up water is recycled. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event. The total area of surface disturbance is proposed to be less than five (5) acres.

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The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit renewal or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit renewal.

Please submit all comments in writing or via email by September 23, 2002 no later than 5:00p.m. to Miles Shaw

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